

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 251828

21

ORIGIN OFA-01

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 IO-10 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-05

AGR-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00 CIAE-00 CIEP-01

COME-00 DLOS-04 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-07 ERDA-05 FMC-01

TRSE-00 H-02 INR-07 INT-05 JUSE-00 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-05 NSF-01 OES-03 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-04 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 /123 R

DRAFTED BY OES/OFA:WLSULLIVAN:MIJ

APPROVED BY OES/OFA:WLSULLIVAN

OES/OFA/FA - MR. NAKATSU

L/OES - MR. LEITZELL

D/LOS - MR. HULL

EUR/WE- JWSWIHART

COMM/NMFS - MR. PRICE (SUB)

----- 094968

R 230105Z OCT 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

USMISSION USUN NY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 251828

AMCONSUL HALIFAX BY POUCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 251828

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, ICNAF, IT

SUBJECT: ICNAF AND US-ITALY FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: ROME 14776

1. DEPT DOES NOT WISH PURSUE DIALOGUE REFTEL. HOWEVER, SHOULD ITALIANS RAISE IT AGAIN EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE FOLLOWING APPROACH.

2. ITALY DID EXTREMELY WELL IN HAVING ITS SECOND TIER QUOTA RAISED TO 6,800 MT AT MONTREAL ICNAF MEETING FROM 1975 STQ OF 4,150. PROPORTIONATELY ITALIAN STQ RAISED FAR MORE THAN ANY OTHER, AND IN FACE OF MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN CATCH AND EFFORT FOR MOST MEMBERS. STQ OF 12 OF 17 MEMBERS WAS REDUCED. STQ INCREASED FOR ONLY ITALY, SPAIN, AND US. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR INCREASE IN QUOTAS FOR ANY NON-COASTAL STATE UNTIL STOCKS HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO FULLY PRODUCTIVE LEVELS. IN THE MEANWHILE, COASTAL STATE QUOTAS MAY RISE IF ABILITY TO HARVEST INCREASES, AND SOME INDIVIDUAL STOCK QUOTAS FOR DEPLETED SPECIES MUST STILL GO DOWN. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT STQ MIGHT HAVE TO BE REDUCED FURTHER AS MORE RESEARCH IS DONE. THUS PROSPECTS ARE FOR DECLINES IN QUOTAS IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, NOT INCREASES.

3. ONLY PROSPECT FOR INCREASES ITALIAN QUOTAS WOULD BE IF ITALY PURSUED NON-COASTAL ICNAF MEMBERS TO TAKE REDUCTIONS. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE REMOTE POSSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY RECALLING PERSISTENCE OF ITALIAN DELS TO EDINBURGH AND MONTREAL MEETINGS IN ACHIEVING GAINS WHILE OTHERS DECLINING, WHICH APPEARED TO ANTAGONIZE MANY OTHER DELS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 251828

4. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC STOCKS MENTIONED: MANY COD STOCKS ARE IN REDUCED ABUNDANCE AND COD QUOTAS ARE HOTLY CONTESTED BY MANY ICNAF MEMBERS. MACKEREL IS BADLY DEPLETED AND US WILL INSIST ON MAJOR REDUCTION NEXT YEAR. WHILE SQUID IS RARE IN THAT IT IS NOT OVERFISHED, SQUID QUOTAS ARE HOTLY CONTESTED BY SEVERAL ICNAF MEMBERS.

5. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM REF THAT GOI IS CON-

SIDERING FORMAL OBJECTION TO ANY QUOTAS UNDER ICNAF PROCEDURE, ANY SUCH OBJECTION, ESPECIALLY TO STQ, WOULD PRODUCE SEVERE POLITICAL REACTION IN US AND PROBABLY IN OTHER ICNAF MEMBERS AS WELL WHO ABSORBED SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN THEIR QUOTAS.

6. USG WILLING TO CONSIDER FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH GOI. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT ITALIAN QUOTAS WOULD RISE UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT. TENDENCY IN FISHERIES BILATERALS HAS BEEN TO GREATER RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING ACTIVITIES AND DECLINES IN QUOTAS, JUST AS IN BODIES LIKE ICNAF. DUE TO HEAVY FISHERIES SCHEDULE, IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL NOW WHEN DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE HELD WITH GOI, BUT CERTAINLY NOT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS ALREADY FULLY BOOKED AND MANY OTHER ITEMS ARE PENDING FOR 1976.

7. IT IS CLEAR THAT IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE COASTAL STATES WILL HAVE FULL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OVER COASTAL FISHERIES AS RESULT LOS AGREEMENT,HOPEFULLY IN 1976. WHEN THAT STAGE REACHED IT IS OBVIOUS THAT COASTAL STATES ARE GOING TO BE MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THOSE WHO COOPERATE DURING THIS DIFFICULT INTERIM PERIOD THAN TOWARD THOSE WHO DO NOT, AND THAT PRESENT COOPERATION THUS HAS DIRECT MEANING FOR THOSE WHO WANT ACCESS IN FUTURE TO SURPLUS NOT HARVESTED BY COASTAL FISHERMEN.

8. AS FAR AS RAISING ISSUE "AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL", RECALL PRESIDENT SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ICNAF MEETING MONTREAL.

9. ALTHOUGH FOREGOING IS BLEAK PICTURE, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT USG OR OTHERS ARE UNSYMPATHETIC TO SMALL FISHERIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 251828

PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE OF ITALY. RATHER, IT REFLECTS FACT THAT WHOLE FISHERIES PICTURE IS BLEAK AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL RESTORATION STOCKS TAKES PLACE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO TAKE ABOUT SEVEN YEARS. IN CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE TO SPECIAL INTERESTS OR NEEDS, EVEN SMALL-SCALE ONES SUCH AS ITALY'S. NEVERTHELESS, USG STANDS READY TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH ALL FISHERIES OFF US COASTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE ALL PROBLEMS IN AS REASONABLE MANNER AS POSSIBLE IN CIRCUMSTANCES. INGERSOLL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FISHING AGREEMENTS, FISHING REGULATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE251828
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: WLSULLIVAN:MJB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750368-0149
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751028/aaaaaypk.tel
Line Count: 165
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN OFA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 ROME 14776
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 MAY 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <02 OCT 2003 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ICNAF AND US-ITALY FISHERIES AGREEMENT
TAGS: EFIS, IT, US, ICNAF
To: ROME
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006